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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON GOJ MTN OFFERS

1. SUMMARY: THE NIHON KEIZAI FOR JAN. 18 SAID JAPAN'S MTN OFFER WILL PROPOSE TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON 2630 ITEMS, 320 LESS THAN FORMULA AND 880 DEEPER THAN FORMULA. TARIFFS ON CONFECTIONS WILL NOT BE CUT. OFFERS TO LIBERALIZE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND PARTS AND IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES ALSO TO BE TABLED. END SUMMARY.

2. TODAY'S NIHON KEIZAI (JAN. 18) CONTAINED THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFERS EXPECTED TO BE TABLED BY GOJ IN UPCOMING MTN NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. IT SAYS JAPAN WILL PROPOSE AN ACROSS THE BOARD TARIFF RATE REDUCTION ON 2630 ITEMS. TARIFF CUTS OFFERED ON 320 ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 40 PERCENT, BUT 880 ITEMS, INCLUDING COMPUTERS, COLOR FILMS, SOME STEELS, AND SOME PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PRODUCTS WILL HAVE PROPOSED CUTS DEEPER THAN FORMULA. REMAINING PRODUCTS WILL BE CU BY AN AVERAGE RATE BASED ON THE MTN FORMULA. THE OVERALL AVERAGE WEIGHTED TARIFF CUT PROPOSAL WILL BE 42 PERCENT.

3 THE PAPER SAYS THAT ABOUT 100 ITEMS, INCLUDING SOME MINERAL PRODUCTS, CONFECTIONS AND PRODUCTS WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPAN IS NOT COMPETITIVE WILL NOT BE CUT. CONFECTIONS WILL NOT BE CUT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PRICE JAPAN PAYS FOR WHEAT AND SUGAR, MITI IS QUOTED AS SAYING.

4. THE NIHON KEIZAI SAYS THE GOJ HOPES TO BE ABLE TO TABLE THEIR OFFER ON OR ABOUT 20 JANUARY AND END THE TOKYO ROUND BY JULY. BY THEN, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEIR TARIFF RATES ON MANUFACTURERS BROUGHT CLOSE TO U.S. RATES.

5. OTHER OFFERS, THE PAPER SAYS, WILL INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO REMOVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND PARTS AND LIBERALIZATION OF INSPECTION PROCEDURES ON FOREIGN BUILT CARS.
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